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DELAY IN PROVIDING BASIC AMENITIES IN THE NARELA HOUSING SCHEME
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `DDA on CAG matfor Narela Scheme delay` appearing in the `Pioneer` dated March 31, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the details of points/irregularities pointed out by the CAG on Narela Housing Scheme;

(d) the response of the Union Government thereto;

(e) whether the Government have submitted action taken report on the remarks of CAG;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the time by which the Government are likely to submit their reply to CAG?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BAN DATTATREYA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)to(d): The news-item that appeared in the `Pioneer`, dated March 31, 2002, is based on the CAG Para as containedin the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for the year ended March,2001 (Report No.4 of 2002 (Civil)). The said news-item/CAGPara mentioned about 6039 houses constructed by Delhi Development Authority(DDA) under different categoriesat Narela under the Narela Housing Scheme during the period between December1993 and July 1998 by incurring an expenditure of Rs.115.39 crore. The scheme became unpopular due to non-availability of water and electricity resulting in request for cancellation of allotment of houses by allottees. Out of 6039 houses, 2003 houses remained unallotted after cancellation. The resultant cancellation of allotment according to Audit led to blockade of funds totalling Rs.36.08 crore.

DDAhas reported that though basic amenities like water and electricity were not available at the initial stage, this is not the sole or even the major reason for non-acceptance of the flats by the allottees. These facilities are available in the area for the 2 years or so. Even then, most of the allottees are still not accepting the allotment of flats in Narela and are asking for cancellation of allotments and refund of their money. This is mainly because Narela is a far flung area. However, the DDAhave been able to dispose of 911 EHS (MIG) Flats to the Delhi Police and another 1094 Nos. EHS flats to the Pubjab Migrants.

The DDA propose to launch a new scheme to be named Narela HousingScheme 2002 in May 2002 to dispose of the remaining unallotted flats. To popularize this scheme, a seminar was organized by DDA in collaboration with DSIDCon the 19th January, 2002. It is expected that after allotment of industrial plots at Bawana, response to DDA`sforthcoming housing scheme of Narela would be encouraging.

(e)to(g): CAG report has been received only recently. Action Taken Report will be submitted to the Ministry of Finance (Monitoring Cell) after getting the ATN vetted from the AG (Audit), Delhi.